taken over the work relating to counseling, retraining and redeployment of optees of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) from Central Public Sector Enterprises. The Department of Public Enterprises has made provisions in the budget proposals of 2001-2002 for the above purpose.

Landless Agricultural Labourers

4496. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of landless agricultural labourers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a special scheme for the benefit of these landless agricultural labourers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to implement such special scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) A proposal to introduce a scheme for providing social security for agricultural workers including landless agricultural workers, is at present under consideration of the Government.

Statement

Landless Agricultural Labourers

As per 1991 Census

S. No.	States/UTs	No. of Landless Agricultural Labourers
1	2	3
1.	**INDIA (excluding J & K)**	**74,597,744**
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11,625,159
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	20,054
3.	Assam	844,964

1	2	3
4.	Bihar (including Jharkhand)	9,512,892
5.	Gujarat	3,230,547
6.	Haryana	896,782
7.	Himachal Pradesh	58,668
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	—
9.	Karnataka	4,999,959
10.	Kerala	2,120,452
11.	Madhya Pradesh (including Chattisgarh).	5,863,029
12.	Maharashtra	8,313,223
13.	Manipur	47,350
14.	Meghalaya	89,492
15.	Nagaland	7,233
16.	Orissa	2,976,750
17.	Punjab	1,452,828
18.	Rajasthan	1,391,670
19.	Sikkim	12,851
20.	Tamil Nadu	7,896,295
21.	Tripura	187,538
22.	Uttar Pradesh (including Uttaranchal)	7,833,258
23.	West Bengal	5,055,478
24.	A & N Islands	4,989
25.	Chandigarh	1,642
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	6,233
27.	Delhi	25,195
28.	Goa	35,284
29.	Daman & Diu	1,199
30.	Lakshadweep	—
31.	Mizoram	9,527
32.	Pondicherry	77,203